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# Semi collides with car in hit-and-run



ANTHONY SOUFFLÉ ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

**Carbondale police officer Kevin Geissler talks with Missy Houghland, left, and her co-worker Loretta Frew after the vehicle Frew was driving was hit by a semitrailer Wednesday afternoon at the intersection of Mill Street and U.S. Highway 51. The driver of the semitrailer, Paul Drew of Benton, was later issued citations for disobeying a red light and leaving the scene of an accident.**

## Drivers in Mill Street accident uninjured

**Diana Soliwon**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A semitrailer heading southbound on U.S. Highway 51 failed to stop at a red light

and collided with an SUV at the Mill Street intersection Wednesday.

Loretta Frew, driver of the SUV, was eastbound on Mill Street at about 1:15 p.m. when the 42-foot long trailer struck her car. She did not sustain any injuries.

"The first thing I thought was, 'Oh my God, there's a truck running over me,'" said Frew, an administrative aide in the SIUC

Career Services office.

Several witnesses said the light for east and west traffic was green when the trailer barreled through the intersection at a high speed and kept going.

Kevin Theis, 48, of Jonesboro was behind Frew in traffic and said that he heard the truck honking its horn as it passed through the intersection, but that it did not appear to slow down.

The semitrailer ripped off the front bumper of Frew's car, broke its headlights and scattered parts from the car's body around the scene. The intersection was partially blocked for about 45 minutes.

The semi driver, Paul Drew of Benton, was stopped about 20 minutes later several miles outside of Carbondale, said Carbondale police officer Kevin Geissler.

Drew was issued tickets for disobeying a red light and leaving the scene of the accident.

Frew said she was shocked she wasn't injured.

"I've been here for 15 years and something like this has never happened to me," Frew said. "I'm lucky, aren't I?"

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# 'Let me tell you another'

Former JFK adviser regales a near full-capacity crowd

**Barton Lorimor**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Ted Sorensen opened his speech with a joke at President George W. Bush's expense, closed with a poem endorsing White House hopeful Barack Obama and filled the center with personal anecdotes about himself and former President John F. Kennedy.

Sorensen, Kennedy's Special Counsel and speechwriter for 10 years, spoke to a nearly full Student Center ballroom Wednesday night. His speech, titled "A Life on the Edge of History," featured the now 80-year-old policy analyst's experiences ranging from his childhood in Lincoln,



Neb., to the night Kennedy was elected president in 1960.

"I had no interest in politics until I was 4," he said.

Aside from his series of jokes about President Bush, presidential contender John McCain and his running mate Sarah Palin, Sorensen used

his speaking slot to point out similarities between this year's Obama presidential campaign and the 1960 Kennedy White House race.

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## Pell Grant budget falls short \$6 billion

**Brandy Oxford**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A historic increase in low-income students has left one of the most prominent financial aid grants in the red.

An 800,000 increase in college students who applied for financial aid left the Pell Grant Program \$6 billion short of its \$14 billion budget, said Terri Harfst, coordinator of enrollment management.

But the shortfall does not mean Pell Grant funding has decreased, Harfst said.

"The Pell Grant is an entitlement program, which means if students qualify for the grant, they will receive it," she said.

A combination of the nation's economic crisis and an increase in college enrollments is to blame for the increase in Pell-eligible students, Harfst said.

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"I had no interest in politics until I was 4."

— Ted Sorensen  
Kennedy's Special Counsel and speech-writer







# USG approves dress code after debate

Jeff Engelhardt  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Dave Loftus and Jay Glogovsky agreed to wear their emotions on their sleeves at Wednesday's Undergraduate Student Government meeting.

The problem was they could not agree on the length of that sleeve.

Glogovsky, a senator representing Brush Towers, saw his dress code proposal for USG members pass after a debate with Loftus, a senator representing the east side of campus.

The issue of a dress code was discussed for the second consecutive meeting, but the version that passed was much different than the original draft presented Sept. 24. Glogovsky's original proposal called for senators to wear "business attire," but the amendment was talked down to "business casual," and eventually "presentable."

Though the amendment was not exactly what Glogovsky was hoping for, he said he was happy the government had made progress and passed the amendment.

"We are the elite on campus and we need to present ourselves that way," Glogovsky said. "I joined this organization with a lot of ambitions and this is just the beginning."

Loftus, who has served on the senate in the past, said he thought Glogovsky's motives were noble, but did not believe the amendment would ultimately hurt the senate more than help it.

Loftus said he was concerned the amendment would force senators coming from their jobs or labs to go home and change into professional attire, which would prevent them from representing their constituents.

"I would rather have a senator show up in work clothes and represent their constituents instead of being punished for not having the right attire," Loftus said.

Krystin McDermott, a senator representing Greek row, softened her position and sided with Glogovsky after having doubts about the amendment at the Sept. 24 meeting.



ANTHONY SOUFFLÉ ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

**Undergraduate Student Government senators Jay Glogovsky and Krystin McDermott articulate their position in favor of a dress code** for the USG members. The new amendment allows for senators to be excused to go home and change if the senate deems they are dressed inappropriately.

McDermott came to the aid of Glogovsky in the two-minute debate during the meeting. She said it is important to give off the professional image that is expected of the senate.

"This isn't supposed to be hard to follow, but if you know you are going to have to come from class, don't wear booty shorts because it gives a bad image," McDermott said.

The senate was complimented at the Sept. 24 meeting for its profession-

al attire by interim Chancellor Sam Goldman and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Larry Dietz.

USG Vice President Vincent Hardy said while he encourages debate, he supported the amendment because those first impressions are important.

Hardy said the council has come a long way since Dietz first came to a meeting a few years back.

"I think the first meeting Dietz ever came to, someone got arrested," Hardy

said. "So I am very proud of what this senate has become, but we have more work to do."

Some of the work the senate accomplished Wednesday was the approval of five new Registered Student Organizations.

The new RSOs include Celtic Art Society, V-Day Task Force, Saluki Stitches, Hammer and SIUC Dairy Club.

The senate also created an audit


committee that will insure the money given to RSOs is used for what the group wrote in its request.

Hardy said the audit committee, along with the addition of financial guidelines to the constitution, should make meetings and the finance committee run smoothly.

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# Interest rates cut, but stocks still drop

Jeannine Aversa  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Wall Street bounced higher and lower Wednesday trying to make up its mind about an unprecedented coordinated interest rate cut by central banks around the world. In the end it settled on a familiar feeling — fear — and plunged again.

The Federal Reserve, desperately trying to jump-start the lending that keeps the U.S. economy moving, dropped its closely watched federal funds rate to 1.5 percent. The cut from 2 percent took the rate to its lowest level in more than four years.

Central banks in England, China, Canada, Sweden and Switzerland and the European Central Bank also cut rates after a series of high-stakes phone calls over several days between Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and his counterparts.

But the Dow Jones industrial average lost another 189 points, or 2 percent, to close at 9,258. It was the sixth straight day of losses for the Dow. The index has shed more than a third of its value, nearly 5,000 points, since its all-time high, set one year ago Thursday.

The Dow opened down more than 200 points. Within an hour, it was up almost as much. A late morning sell-off gave way to an afternoon rally, and the Dow was ahead for the day in the last half-hour of trading — then took a dive at the close.

The day's losses were lighter for the Nasdaq composite index and the Standard & Poor's 500. And Wall Street as a whole fared far better than Asia, where some stock exchanges were down 9 percent, and Europe, where some lost 5 percent.

The Fed in concert with the European Central Bank to make emer-

gency interest rate cuts after the Sept. 11 terror attacks in 2001. But Wednesday's cuts were unprecedented with the number of nations that participated, the Fed said.

For millions of Americans, the Fed's cut means borrowing money becomes cheaper. Home equity loans, credit cards and other floating-rate loans all fluctuate depending on what the Fed does.

Bank of America, Wells Fargo and other banks cut their prime rate by half a point to 4.5 percent, also the lowest in more than four years, after the Fed announced its decision early Wednesday.

Fed watchers believe the central bank might cut rates further when it meets later this month, and perhaps again in December, in hopes of cushioning the blow if the United States falls into recession.

"Even if the financial crisis was put to bed today, that would still leave the economy in a probable recession," said economist Ken Mayland, president of ClearView Economics.

One day after a presidential debate that focused heavily on the economy, both major candidates embraced the decision. Both Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain described the crisis as global.

The White House welcomed the cooperation among central banks to battle the crisis. "It's important and helpful that central banks are working in a coordinated way to deal with stress in the financial system," spokesman Tony Fratto said.

Even the coordinated action may not break the panicky mindset that has gripped investors across the world as jobs evaporate and retirement savings dry up. Banks may still be inclined to hoard cash, and until they decide to lend again the crisis is not likely to let up.



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi shakes hands with Sen. Steny Hoyer, D-Md., before signing into enrollment the financial-rescue legislation passed by the House during a press conference in Capitol Building in Washington, Friday.

## Pelosi raises idea of \$150 billion stimulus bill

Colleen Slevin  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Wednesday that a \$150 billion economic stimulus plan is needed now because of the faltering economy and she may call the House into session after the election to pass it.

Pelosi told reporters that the stock market meltdown, which has caused an estimated \$2 trillion loss from pension funds, was a factor in her recommendation for a second stimulus bill. The first relief plan sent out \$600-\$1,200 tax rebate checks to most individuals and couples this year.

The House did pass a \$61 billion economic aid proposal last month before lawmakers left Capitol Hill

ahead of the Nov. 4 election. But a similar plan failed to pass the Senate. President Bush had promised a veto anyway.

If Democratic nominee Barack Obama wins the White House and if Capitol Hill Democrats make gains in the elections as well, it might be easier to pass a stimulus measure over dispirited Republicans, especially if the economy remains in big trouble.

The Senate is expected to be back at work after Election Day to complete a public lands bill and perhaps deal with other matters, such as a measure to extend unemployment benefits. The House also could return to consider a stimulus plan and additional issues in a lame-duck session before the newly elected Congress takes over in January.

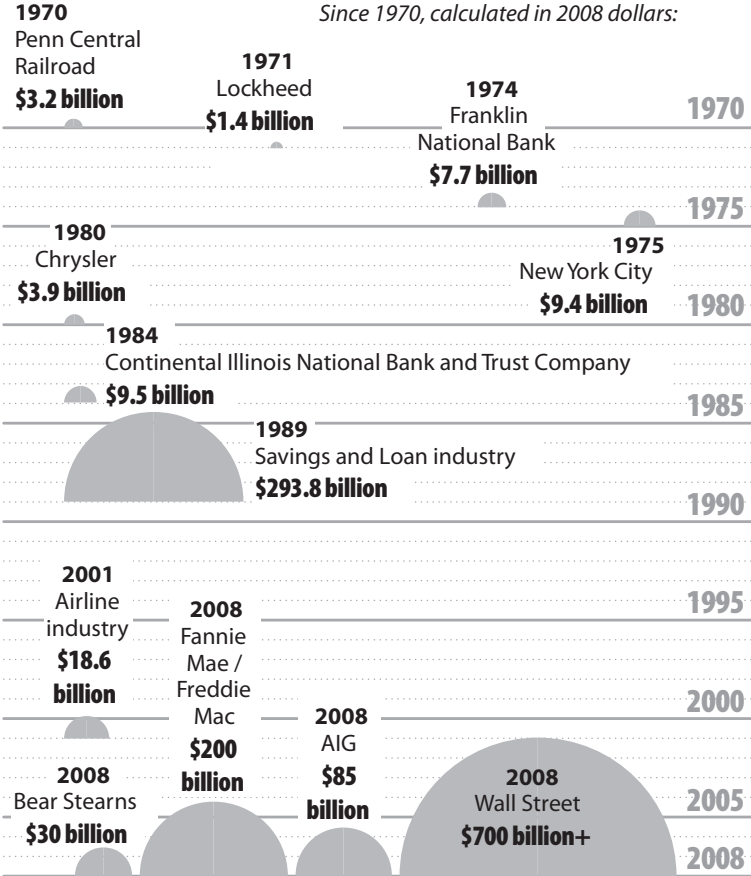
"We may have to go back into session before the next Congress," Pelosi said.

Pelosi said a stimulus package would create jobs by investing in public works, increasing food stamps benefits and extending unemployment insurance for the long-term jobless. She said lawmakers need to "hunker down" and look closely at the federal budget for possible savings, and reconsider whether the U.S. can afford to fight "a war without end" in Iraq.

"We have some very harsh decisions to make and some of them can't wait until January," said Pelosi, D-Calif.

"What we can't wait for is a stimulus package," Pelosi added. "We may have to go back into session before the next Congress."

## U.S. government bailouts



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## Two American journalists believed missing

Zeina Karam  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Two American journalists vacationing in Lebanon have not been heard from since Oct. 1 and are believed missing, the U.S. Embassy said Wednesday, appealing for information on their possible whereabouts.

An embassy statement said Holli Chmela, 27, and Taylor Luck, 23, reportedly left Beirut en route to the northern Lebanese port city of Tripoli.

The city is a predominantly Sunni Muslim city where militants and Islamic fundamentalists are known to be active. It has witnessed sectarian fighting in the past few months as well as two car bombs targeting Lebanese troops that killed 25 people and left dozens others wounded.

Earlier this week, the embassy had issued a statement to its citizens about potential violent actions targeting Americans in Lebanon and called on its nationals to increase their security

awareness. It said the threats were particularly high in the first half of October.

The embassy says the pair had arrived in Lebanon on Sept. 29 from Amman, Jordan for a vacation and told a friend on Oct. 1 that they were traveling from Beirut to Tripoli through the coastal town of Byblos in the north that day. They were then to cross by land to Syria before returning to Jordan where they were due to report to work on Oct. 4.

"The families ... are asking for the public's assistance in providing information on the possible whereabouts of the two U.S. citizens," the statement said.

Lebanese security officials told The Associated Press they are searching for the two.

The officials said authorities are searching for the two based on information they had gone missing and were trying to ascertain whether they had left the country. They spoke on condition of anonymity in accordance with military regulations and because

of the sensitivity of the subject.

The alleged disappearance of the two Americans was reported earlier Wednesday by the local Al-Akhbar newspaper, which said they arrived in Lebanon Sept. 29, stayed in a hotel in Beirut and checked out the next day, without leaving the country. They have not been heard of since, it said.

A Jordanian security official confirmed that the two were believed missing. He said U.S. authorities in Beirut were investigating and that Jordanian authorities are not involved. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to the press.

The U.S. Embassy said it was coordinating efforts with embassies in Amman and Damascus as well as with the State Department in Washington.

Nimr Shalala, manager of the Beirut hotel where Chmela and Luck had stayed, said they left the hotel Sept. 30 after a one-night stay. "They checked out, took all their belongings and didn't say anything," he told The AP.

### MISSOURI

#### Missouri officials suspect fake voter registration

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Officials in Missouri, a hard-fought jewel in the presidential race, are sifting through possibly hundreds of questionable or duplicate voter-registration forms submitted by an advocacy group that has been accused of election fraud in other states.

Charlene Davis, co-director of the election board in Jackson County, where Kansas City is, said the fraudulent registration forms came from the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, or ACORN. She said they were bogging down work Wednesday, the final day Missourians could register to vote.

### TENNESSEE

#### Lawmaker's son indicted in Palin e-mail hacking

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The son of a Democratic Tennessee state lawmaker charged with hacking the e-mail account of Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin has pleaded not guilty.

David Kernell, 20, of Knoxville, Tenn., entered the plea in federal court in Knoxville on Wednesday. His father is longtime state Rep. Mike Kernell of Memphis.

Trial is set for Dec. 16. Kernell faces a maximum of five years in prison, a \$250,000 fine and a three-year term of supervised release.

### NOBEL PRIZE

#### One Japanese, two Americans win Nobel chemistry prize

Three U.S.-based scientists won a Nobel Prize on Wednesday for turning a glowing green protein from jellyfish into a revolutionary way to watch the tiniest details of life within cells and living creatures.

Osamu Shimomura, a Japanese citizen who works in the United States, and Americans Martin Chalfie and Roger Tsien shared the chemistry prize for discovering and developing green fluorescent protein, or GFP.

When exposed to ultraviolet light, the protein glows green. It can act as a marker on otherwise invisible proteins within cells to trace them as they go about their business. It can tag individual cells in tissue. And it can show when and where particular genes turn on and off.

### GEORGIA

#### Russia, Georgia disagree on troop pullback

KARALETI, Georgia (AP) — Russian troops pulled back from their positions outside Georgia's breakaway province of South Ossetia but held their ground in contested areas, setting the stage for more tension between the two countries that waged war in August.

Georgian Interior Ministry spokesman Shota Utiashvili told The AP the Russian withdrawal was a positive move, but he added that Georgia wouldn't consider it complete until the troops leave the town of Akhlagori.









STEPHEN RICKERL ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

**SIUC President Glenn Poshard** tours the Touch of Nature environmental center as workers from the Illinois Laborers' and Contractors' Joint Apprenticeship and Training Trust Fund finish pouring a sidewalk. Earlier this year, SIUC signed an agreement with the apprenticeship and training program which has resulted in several improvements at SIUC's Touch of Nature that the university couldn't have afforded on its own. Laborers have completed several projects so far including new sidewalks, resurfaced parking lots and driveways, and a new concrete pad for the pavillion at Touch of Nature.

## Graduate school could add environmental technology program

**Christian Holt**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIUC graduate school could be energized in a whole new way.

John Koropchak, dean of the graduate school, said the graduate school could add a one-of-a-kind program that blends business with environmental technology.

Advanced Energy and Fuels Management would be a program ideal for people who manage an ethanol production facility or have a similar job, Koropchak said.

"I think there's a belief that there would be a number of people who are out there in the field working now who would be in a position to come back to get this kind of degree," he

said. "I don't believe there is another program of its type in the country."

Koropchak said because the program is so advanced, he thought the university would receive federal funding to start it.

Ramanarayanan Viswanathan, dean of the College of Engineering, said he fully supports the idea of the program and would be glad to house some of the courses.

Viswanathan said he thought the program would be helpful for anyone with interest in managing fuel companies.

Some students are not as excited as Viswanathan.

When the program was brought up to the Graduate and Professional Student Council at its Sept. 23 meet-

**"They might be at the cutting edge and have a broad background in that area, and it might be that some could just take business classes to satisfy those needs"**

— John Koropchak  
dean of the graduate school

ing, members voiced concern about the program being unnecessary.

Some said students receiving a master's in business administration with electives in sciences could just as easily fulfill the possible curriculum.

Sara Samson, a member of GPSC, said she did not think the program would attract enough students. She said because she had never heard of the program, and she questioned the need for it.

"What would that degree do that an MBA couldn't?" she said.

However, Koropchak said members of the Council of Graduate Schools, a national organization, have told him this program is increasingly needed.

"It's a very forward-thinking program," he said.

He said it was possible that people with knowledge and background in the advanced energy field could

take business classes instead of entering the program.

"They might be at the cutting edge and have a broad background in that area, and it might be that some could just take business classes to satisfy those needs," he said.

While some other GPSC members said the program would primarily serve professionals returning for an extra degree, Koropchak said the program would encompass a variety of students.

"There's nothing to preclude someone with a fresh bachelor's degree from entering the program," he said.

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TWO MINUTES OF TRUTH

# I think, therefore I speak

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Look around you.  
No, really, stop what you're doing and look around. Take note how many people there are, living, but that's it. We often find ourselves in moments of life where we stop striving for better and simply live. For those of you who want to just "be," that's fine, but for all those other thinkers and doers out there, what are you doing?

We idly pass one another and maybe share a glance, yet most people are in their own worlds, playing iPods so loud you can hear them more than 20 feet away and having phone conversations so loud you feel as if you know the person. A lot of time goes by just hearing and talking. You hear the music in your ears and talk to your friends on the phone. But where are our listeners and thinkers?

What happened to the time a person would share a message in front of thousands, and those thousands of listeners would go and put that message to work?

What happened to our thinkers who have great ideas for making substantial changes in our world and go out and speak to others about them?

The answer to these questions, and many others, rests within each and every one of you. Each person has the ability to listen, but we are often so caught up in the non-sensical negatives a naysayer provides us, we lose track of what we should be listening to. Instead, we just hear the things that are put into us. Nobody asks questions, people just take it in.

The media are set up to give us our opinion on issues with other countries, dis-

tracting us from the solvable issues we have within our own. It even changes people's attitudes toward public figures and plans of action. And what do we do? Just sit back and take it in.

The troubled thoughts of the thinkers are now immersed in the election process, while issues we the people can solve remain unsolved. Where are the thinkers that speak? They're here, on this campus, participating in panel discussions and providing guest speakers. People like Donald Hughes and Wes Lawson, Lauren Lamb and Kimberly Dawn, Iesha Mona and Abed Abukhdair. These are leaders on this campus positively making an impact via programs in their areas of interest.

Now it's your turn, readers. I understand not everyone wants to be a leader. Not everyone likes to put on programs of interest and speak in panels, coordinate events, or even show up to them for that matter. But if you really want this world to change, you must.

You have to support leaders who stand up for injustices and put together programs. Show support for those who do put these events together by attending and by getting there on time. These events not only benefit us as individuals, but the student body as a whole. They allow for interaction of different cultures and exchanges of different information. And you never know, attending events like the ones going on this month for Latino Heritage and GLBT Awareness month may help you gain a greater understanding of what's going on in the world, with your fellow students, and maybe even with you. If you're looking for new friends, you may be able to find them there too.

So be conscious of what's going on around you, in your environment, and on your campus particularly. You never know where you may find your voice.

*Flowers is a senior studying biological sciences.*

GUEST COLUMN

# There's no debate: Obama and McCain are both wrong on coal

Chris Klarer  
GUEST COLUMN

Let's get the facts straight about coal, because neither presidential candidate seems willing to do so when discussing his energy policy.

**Coal is not cheap.**

The technology that could hypothetically allow large scale commercial power generation from coal with "near zero" emissions of carbon dioxide is called Carbon Capture and Sequestration, and it isn't cheap.

CCS captures CO<sub>2</sub>, compresses it and injects it deep underground where it may or may not be safely stored for the duration of human civilization. We won't know if this is possible for large-scale coal plants for at least 10 to 15 years, and if we believe the majority of the scientific community, we don't have time to find out if we want to avoid the worst consequences of climate change.

And what's the price tag for CCS? Estimates vary from 6 to 9 cents per kilowatt hour for power from a new coal plant with CCS. Compare that to the 4 to 6 cents per kilowatt hour estimated for wind power and 2 to 3 cents per kilowatt hour for energy efficiency. Energy efficiency should obviously be emphasized because it is the cheapest way to cut energy use and meet growing demand without building any new power plants or wind farms.

**Coal is never "clean."**

Every stage of coal's lifecycle is destructive and poisonous to the communities in which it is mined and burned, even if we can capture and sequester every ounce of CO<sub>2</sub>.

Coal-fired power plants are the largest source of human-generated mercury pollution in the United States. Mercury exposure in the womb and through breast milk can interfere with the development of babies' brains and neurological systems and has led to learning disabilities, attention deficit disorder, problems with coordination, lowered IQ and mental retardation. In 2004, the Environmental Protection Agency released a study that found that more than one in six children could be at risk for developmental disorders because of mercury exposure.

Illinois has the fourth highest level of mercury contamination in the country with

Campus, Cedar, Kinkaid, Little Grassy and Devil's Kitchen lakes being among the Illinois lakes isolated for a "Special Mercury Advisory." Children and women of childbearing age are advised to eat no more than one serving of certain fish from these lakes per month and everyone else should limit themselves to one serving per week.

According to the American Lung Association, an estimated 24,000 people die prematurely each year because of pollution from coal plants and the Center for Disease Control estimates that 12,000 coal miners died from black lung disease between 1992 and 2002. That's roughly three working class Americans paying the price of our addiction to coal every day for 10 years. That's a pretty steep price for "cheap" energy.

**Clean energy is the future.**

There are better, cheaper ways to meet rising energy demand and address climate change and create thousands of new green jobs and have the same rejuvenating effect on the rural economies of southern Illinois as trying to resuscitate the coal industry.

The real solutions are wind and solar and are cheaper and more abundant than coal — especially if our elected officials were to provide the same kind of tax incentives, subsidies and investment with which they have been lavishing the coal industry for years.

All we lack is the political leadership to get us moving in the right direction.

So act now and join the movement!

Young people will foot the bill for the follies of our political leaders today, so it's up to us to demand the clean energy future we know is necessary for safe communities, green jobs and a healthy environment.

If you'd like to join hundreds of thousands of young people all over the country in showing our elected officials we're not going to stand for false solutions to the energy crisis (such as "clean" coal) that are bad for people, bad for the economy and bad for the environment, go to <http://www.powervote.org>. Sign the Power Vote Pledge, and get involved with the local group at 7 p.m. Mondays in Activity Room C on the third floor of the Student Center.

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Sometimes I send messages I shouldn’t send. Like the time I told that girl I had a crush on her over text message.”

**John Perlow**  
Gmail engineer,  
announcing Mail Goggles, a new feature to curb drunk e-mailing.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### In response to ‘Obama vs. McCain: The environment’

DEAR EDITOR:

In the race for the presidency, the state of the environment is a hot topic. In recent days the DAILY EGYPTIAN has been reporting about the candidates stances on various issues. McCain’s environmental plan caught my attention recently, and there is some information I feel is necessary for voters to understand. McCain’s plan calls for improvement of clean coal technologies, increasing nuclear power plants by 45, expanding offshore drilling and somehow reducing emissions (McCain is not sure how to do this though).

While this policy would be beneficial to big industries and individual people, this plan would not assist efforts to protect the natural state. Clean coal is still coal. No matter how many times we refine, synthesize and alter it, coal will still be coal.

Sure, adding scrubbers and other filters to power plants will reduce emissions, but there is still the problem that coal is a fossil fuel and will eventually be depleted (oil will be first to run out then will be natural gas and, finally, coal). Also, coal is the leading fossil fuel in carbon emissions, which is a big contribution to environmental degradation.

The addition of nuclear power plants will add more power, but will also increase the amount of radioactive waste that needs to be stored. Storage of nuclear waste can be tricky because long-term preparation is needed to protect people and the environment from harm. Spills can be costly, not only to clean up, but to treat the aftereffects of cancer and radiation sickness. Just ask the Russians. They have had several incidents, most notably Chernobyl but also at the town of Chelyabinsk, which has had three separate incidents, all of which were worse than Chernobyl.

McCain also wishes to expand offshore drilling, which would alleviate our addiction to foreign oil. While the notion is wise, the means is not the best. Offshore drilling could end in worse environmental disasters. During the most recent hurricane, pipelines in offshore oil platforms were damaged, causing million of gallons of oil to spill into the gulf. While that is a horrible event, it only helps strengthen the call for less dependence on oil. Drilling for oil will not help our energy crisis, it will only lessen the impacts for a time. It is time renewable sources of energy are brought into the spotlight and let fossil fuels take a seat. Renewable sources of energy will allow for a much greater energy budget and a cleaner world for humanity to live in. McCain’s environmental plan is deceiving. It is just an energy plan in disguise. While more energy is beneficial, McCain’s way is not the answer.

**William Sutphin**

sophomore studying geography and environmental resources

### Call off the goons

DEAR EDITOR:

This letter is directed to interim Chancellor Goldman. Last week Cal Meyers (the retired chemistry professor who was banned from campus for alleged sexual harassment charges, much like the recently deceased John Simon) approached the law school to visit a colleague. He never saw him. Two security police escorted Meyers off campus instead. What a sight that must have been! Two burly guards, each taking an arm of this 81-year-old man, whose weight has dropped to 130 pounds, and who is obviously in poor health.

I am sure you would want such unfortunate events to cease. Who would want to assume moral responsibility for the bad effects on the health of an 81-year-old man? Is this the way you, or anyone at SIUC, believes we should treat an old man, who has given many years of his life (and \$2.5 million) to SIUC? And, while we are at it, if you continue to ban him from his chemistry lab, funded by his own \$2.5 million, at least give him a substantial portion of his money back! As Chancellor, you are ultimately responsible for what happens on campus. So call off the goons!

**Mary Lamb**

professor in the English department

### Newman Center anti-abortion display

DEAR EDITOR:

It is with sadness that I address a situation that recently occurred on the Newman Center property. Over this weekend, the entire display of crosses was knocked down and property was broken in front of the Newman Center. This evening, a sign on the Newman Center property was destroyed. I am stunned that something like this could happen on the grounds of an institution of the caliber and with the history of civil rights such as SIUC. Abortion violates the civil rights of the unborn. We support abortion rights through our tax dollars. Please respect anti-abortioners’ choice to post crosses and signs. Fair is fair. The destruction of the Newman Center property when nobody is looking surely fits the definition of a coward, i.e. a person who lacks courage, especially one who is shamefully unable to control fear and so shrinks from danger and trouble. At least have the guts to talk face-to-face with Newman Center representatives and find out what this anti-abortion movement is all about.

**Maria Hentschel Hensley**

parent of an SIUC student

### Egotism among human thinking

DEAR EDITOR:

I would like to respond to Wilfred Reilly’s letter “PETA and cannibalism” that was in Tuesday’s DAILY EGYPTIAN. While the thought of drinking a stranger’s breast milk is as off-setting to me as it seems to be to most people I talk to, I do not feel that those who are simply animal-conscious deserve to be bashed along with those who perhaps take issues one step further than necessary.

Although I myself am neither vegan nor vegetarian, and I am quite fond of certain meats, I feel that if animals must be eaten, they should at least die quickly and painlessly. Reilly’s use of the words “all vegans and many vegetarians condemn the eating of eggs” implies that those who choose not to eat meat are aggressive toward those who do. However, I am aware that not all vegetarians choose this diet based on animal welfare. Some do this for religion, health, weight loss or environmental reasons. Thus, not all vegans and vegetarians are angry PETA activists.

I do agree with Reilly that there are worse problems in the world right now than the treatment of animals. I also agree that human domestication has had a very significant impact on animal evolution. However, I do not see them as “dumb beasts.” If you believe in evolution, please keep in mind that humans evolved from creatures less intelligent than themselves. If you believe in creationism, please keep in mind that several religions believe that all organisms were created for balance and equality. Just because humans can think doesn’t mean that animals cannot. And just because we are the “species that conceived of utopia” does not give us the right to harm and destroy nature. In truth, “utopia” is a thing that can never be achieved because each person has his or her own idea of utopia. I suggest that we use this ability to think for greater causes than egotism among our species. I do not have a problem with anyone who does or does not choose to eat meat. However, I do have a problem with painful animal slaughtering and people who seem to think that the human species is the most important.

**Deborah Janik**

sophomore studying radio-television

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## SCOOTING AWAY FROM HIGH GAS PR

The trend to ride scooters saves money for



**Erik Sorgatza sophomore from Winfield studying marketing, rides his Xingyue ITA 150 out of the Wham parking lot Aug. 29.**



**LEFT: A group of scooters parked outside the Engineering Building in the motorcycle lot.**





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Story by Madeleine Leroux  
Photography by Jason Johnson



**Motorcycle parking lots provide** for some of the best parking on campus. Scooters provide great in-town and campus travel that is quick, efficient and convenient.



**J**ake Sarisa bought a scooter when gas prices began to hit \$4 per gallon, and he said he hasn't regretted it.

"The money I save in gas with this (scooter) makes it worth the price," Sarisa said.

Sarisa, a sophomore at John A. Logan College studying criminal justice, said he bought his 150 cubic centimeters scooter late last spring for roughly \$2,500 and gets about 70 miles per gallon. Sarisa said filling up his gas tank is extremely inexpensive, especially because it only holds two gallons.

"There's no better way to get around," Sarisa said. "Especially when it's warm out, there's just no reason to drive something that's going to be eating at your wallet."

The Motorcycle Industry Council, a not-for-profit national trade association that represents manufacturers and distributors of motorcycles and scooters, reported a steady rise in scooter sales since 1997. The largest increase in sales was in 2007, when an additional 26,000 new units were sold compared to 2006, the MIC reported.

According to the Illinois Department of Transportation, there was an 82 percent increase in the number of registered scooters from 2006 to 2008.

Brad Daron, sales manager at Yamaha of Southern Illinois, said scooter sales began to steadily increase in spring and summer, but even the cooler weather hasn't brought sales down much.

"They were hot and heavy," Daron said. "I ran out of them in the middle of July."

Daron said Yamaha released its 2009 models early last month and had sold most of them by October. By the second week of October, he said only one 2009 model scooter was left in-house.

Greg Smith, sales manager at Phillips Pro Cycle, said scooter engines range from displacements of 50cc to 650cc, making these larger engine scooters more like motorcycles and capable of reaching higher than highway speeds. Engine displacement is a term for the total volume of air and fuel drawn into an engine.

Smith said many people have a misconception about the required license for scooters.

"It's important to know what you're getting and know what kind of license you need," Smith said.

Smith said, in Illinois, motor scooters are classified as anything between 50cc and 150cc, which require a Class L driver's license. Anything larger than 150cc would technically be classified as a motorcycle, which would require a Class M driver's license, Smith said.

But for the lightweight scooter, capable of reaching about 30 mph, Smith said just a regular driver's license is required.

Smith said brand new scooters could cost from \$1,500 to \$8,000, depending on the engine size.

Daron said rising fuel prices could have led to the scooter trend. Scooters with smaller engines still get great mileage, Daron said, and some scooters with greater engine power can get more than 100 mpg.

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— Jake Sarisa  
sophomore at John A. Logan College studying criminal justice

Smith said business has remained steady over the past year.

"I think it's a balance between increased interest and high gas prices and the economy," Smith said. "They really offset each other."

Smith said scooters could be less intimidating to a new rider than a motorcycle. Scooters are easy to handle, Smith said, and they range from a maximum of 30 mph to a highway-ready scooter capable of reaching more than 100 mph.

Sarah McInnis, a 22-year-old from Carbondale, said she's had her 400cc scooter for about two years.

"I've seen a few more people with scooters in the past few months, but I think a lot of that has to do with gas prices," McInnis said.

McInnis said she bought a scooter because it was easier to handle than a motorcycle. Even the larger scooters seem lightweight compared to a motorcycle, she said.

"They're not as heavy-duty," McInnis said. They cost little to maintain, and the insurance is pretty cheap, she said. It's a lot cheaper than having a car right now, McInnis said.

Insurance rates depend on an individual's personal information, but for people younger than 25, the rates for scooters are generally about \$600 per year, said Mary Travelstead, a marketing representative at State Farm Insurance. For those

older than 25, the rates would be about half that, Travelstead said.

"It's probably a couple hundred dollars less than if you insure a vehicle," Travelstead said.

Sarisa said he bought his 150cc scooter to use

around town.

"I have a car, so I can use that for longer trips and in bad weather," Sarisa said. "This (scooter) is really just perfect for getting to class and running errands and stuff."

SIUC police officer Scott Miller said there's always safety concerns with smaller, less visible vehicles such as scooters.

"I, personally, think they would be a little more dangerous because they're smaller," Miller said. "In terms of visibility ... I put them one step above a bicycle."

Miller said the most important safety precaution for those on scooters would be to always assume the other vehicle does not see them. Obviously, he said, in an accident with a regular vehicle, the person on the scooter is going to be in much more danger than the other driver, so precautionary measures are highly stressed.

Smith said SIUC runs a motorcycle rider program, which allows those who complete it to receive a Class M driver's license. According to the SIUC motorcycle rider program's Web site, the classes are free and, in the beginner's course, motorcycles are provided for the duration of the class.

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**RIGHT: Scooters under 150cc do not require** a motorcycle license to drive and are an affordable alternative to a car.

**LEFT: The sale of licenses for vehicles in Illinois under 150cc** such as this Xingyue ITA 150 has increased 82 percent since 2006.





## SORENSEN

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He said criticism about Obama being a young, first-term senator with African roots is similar to Kennedy's situation four decades ago — a rookie national legislator raised Roman Catholic in a Protestant-heavy country.

But Sorensen said it was Kennedy's ability to strike down

the criticism from then-Republican challenger Richard Nixon that won him to the White House.

Kennedy hired Sorensen as his legislative aide in 1953. At that time, Kennedy was one of 52 newly elected U.S. senators. Sorensen said he knew he had a special bond with the legislator from Cape Cod in 1956 as Kennedy began to receive a large number of speaking invitations from across the nation.

"He said to me, 'You might as well go with me,'" Sorensen said with a smile. He said those words and a solo tour of the 50 states with Kennedy made him realize his importance in the administration.

Most people recognize Kennedy's presidential inaugural address he delivered in January 1961, but may not know that it was Sorensen who prepared the speech. But during a question and answering session fol-

lowing Wednesday night's speech, Sorensen said those were Kennedy's words because he inspired them.

Sorensen, who also served as a top-adviser to Anwar Sadat, king of Egypt during the 1970s, and South African President Nelson Mandela, will remain on campus today to speak to a political science class and attend a luncheon with pre-selected students. He will be speaking again tonight at SIU-Edwardsville.

Following his speech, Sorensen held an autograph session where copies of his memoirs were available for purchase.

Though he is not a close adviser to Obama, Sorensen said he predicts the rookie senator from Illinois will be victorious in November.

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# Not your usual game of croquet

‘Mister Earbrass Plays Croquet..’ opens tonight in Kleinau Theater

Chris McGregor  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A black croquet ball rolls slowly and loudly over the white theater floor. Black and white dominate the field of vision along with sparring props and four individuals dressed in monotone gray.

At first glance, the stage may seem slightly barren, but the few props and morose figures fill the room.

“Mister Earbrass Plays Croquet: Staging Edward Gorey” is a loose adaptation of short stories by Edward Gorey that have been turned into a performance piece. The show will run at 8p.m. tonight through Saturday in the Marion Kleinau Theater.

“This is the first time Kleinau Theater has featured a performance which is done entirely in gray scale,” said Erin Briddick, a graduate student from Lemont at performing arts who is directing the production.

She said the monotone set helps emphasize the often gloomy work of Gorey. There is a lot more going on than initially meets the eye, she said.

The show features four characters: Mister Earbrass, the main character, played by Mike Garvin; Glassglue, a character from one of Mister Earbrass’ books, played by Benjamin Haas; Drusilla, a troubled young girl, played by Elena Esquibel; and a living gramophone, played by Justin Rodig.

“Mister Earbrass Plays Croquet . . .” is Briddick’s directorial debut.

“The show is an ode to Gorey; the same sentiment is echoed throughout this performance. His nonsensical way of writing is expressed in this show,” Briddick said. “We want to play with many of the same ideas he worked with.”

She said she drew inspiration from Gorey and his attention to detail.

“I imagine him sitting in his office, agonizing over a single word, driving himself crazy over that single word,” Briddick said. “The particulars are important, and I used this to craft a detailed script”

Garvin, a second-year graduate student from Murray, Ky., studying performing arts, portrays Mister Earbrass. He said sticking to such a detailed script was challenging for him.

Garvin is involved in an improvisational comedy group, the Cult of the Stage Monkeys, and is used to off-the-cuff performance. He said the tight script challenged his standard way of acting.

Garvin said he loves performing in Kleinau Theater because of its lab-like qualities.

“Kleinau is like a testing ground for all of us doing more experimental theater. There are no restrictions up here, not to mention how much more intimate this theater is,” Garvin said.

The music and noise accompanying the piece was composed by Justin Rodig, a junior from Woodstock studying music theory and composition. In addition to being the com-



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**Mike Garvin, left, playing the part of Mister Earbrass, winds** the crank of the gramophone, played by Justin Rodig, during a dress rehearsal of “Mister Earbrass Plays Croquet: Staging Edward Gorey” Oct. 2 in the Kleinau Theater. The play opens tonight at the Kleinau and is \$5 for students.

poser for the performance, Rodig also plays the part of the gramophone.

“With a vague major like mine, it helps to have a project like this which narrows my scope,” Rodig said. “I was honored to work along with Erin’s piece.”

He said Briddick was his speech teacher last year and she attended a performance of his. She was interested in what he was doing and asked him to help her with her show.

Briddick said she loved Rodig’s demeanor

and knew he would fit nicely into the show.

“This is my first performance outside of anything musical, and it has been grueling learning not only my lines but how to carry myself on stage,” Rodig said.

Tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 for the public and are available at the Kleinau Box Office before the performance begins.

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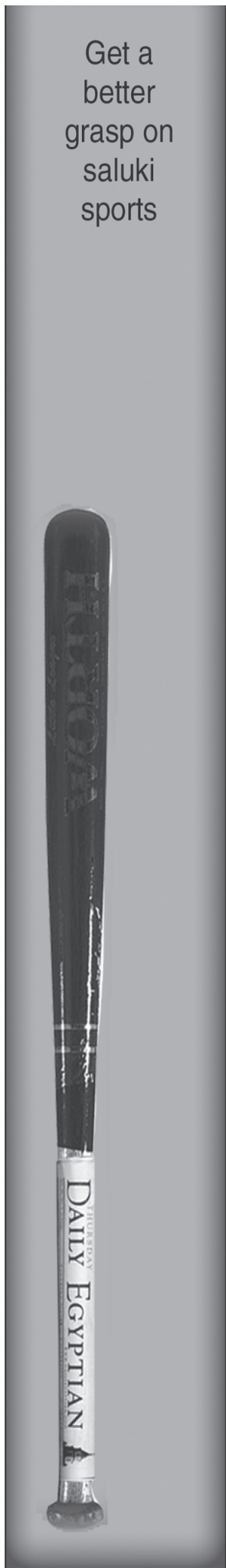
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# Saluki Insider

A new Lingerie Football League will debut in 2009, showcasing women playing full-contact football in helmets and sports bras. The proposed league included 10 teams and is scheduled to begin on cable TV in the fall of 2009. Is this a must-watch or will it be another version of the XFL?




**BRIAN FELD**  
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Let's get one thing straight: This will be something that nearly every man in American will want to watch ... but for only a few seconds. Is lingerie sexy? You bet. But I watched the tryouts on the Internet and the women didn't exactly look like they were good. Good looking? Yeah. But good at football? No. This will be popular for a few games and fade faster than POGS.



**STILE SMITH**  
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I can see this being more popular than the XFL, based only on the idea that combining pretty women and football will spike interest in the sport. However, I am concerned about the product on the field. Are they any good? Can they run an efficient offense? Are they fundamentally sound? It won't be a perfect product, but it will be interesting, nonetheless.



**LUIS C. MEDINA**  
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We're forgetting about an important viewer here — the women! I'm sure women will also enjoy watching this just to see if they like the lingerie these women are wearing. This could be a huge marketing opportunity for a company like Victoria's Secret. Despite this fact, I don't see this league surviving more than one season.

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**SUPERSTITIOUS**  
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Junior swimmer Jameson Kuper said he eats rice and beans not only before every meet, but every day.

Junior swimmer Therese Mattsson said she does not wear her goggles until just before her race begins.

Superstitions can even extend between two players.

"We always give each other high fives before every set and (senior setter Kristy) Elswick taps my butt," junior middle blocker Chandra Roberson said. "It's just something she's always done since I've been here."

Many athletes' superstitions carry into their events.

Junior middle blocker Marina Medic of the volleyball team said

she wears two rubber bands in her hair, and they must be different colors. She said it doesn't matter what colors, as long as they "feel right" for that day.

Par threes are special for senior golfer Braidy Hood. She said she can't use a regular tee on par threes—she has to look around and find a broken tee and usually tries to find the most colorful one she can get.

"I probably hit a few bad shots with full tees, and I thought that jinxed me," Hood said.

Senior swimmer Alexandre Marrucho, said he doesn't wear white caps. He said for whatever reason, he has never swum well when he's worn a white cap.

Superstitions, though, can often be disguised as repetition.

Senior catcher Mark Kelly said

baseball is one example.

"I put my batting gloves on the same way, my catching gear on the same way," Kelly said. "I guess it's more repetitiveness than superstition. If something works, you definitely don't change it."

Senior infielder Scott Elmendorf added that when he does something right, he wants to do it exactly the same the next time. For instance, Elmendorf said when he returns to the dugout at the end of each inning, he puts his hat in his glove the same way.

Even coaches get in on the action.

Head football coach Dale Lennon described himself as a "routine guy." He said his "lucky" pattern could be as simple as the route he takes to practice. But Lennon said he doesn't keep the routine after a loss, because it no longer works.

Lennon said he doesn't think superstitions should be taken too far and said they could have an adverse effect on the athlete's mental state if the athlete accidentally doesn't follow the superstition.

"Most of the time, superstitions are just fun more than anything else," Lennon said. "You don't want to be too superstitious to where you think you'll be jinxed if you don't follow them."

Stile Smith can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 282 or ssmi@siude.com.

### PLAYERS' SUPERSTITIONS

"The only superstition I have is I don't wear white caps. I don't know why, but every time I wore a white cap, I didn't do so good."  
Alexandre Marrucho, swimmer

"I have to have two rubber bands in my hair and they have to be different colors. They just have to feel right for the day."  
Marina Medic, volleyball player

"I don't like to see my shadow when I'm on deck. It's just something that makes me comfortable. If I see my shadow before I go to the plate, I just don't feel comfortable going to the plate."  
Katie Wagner, softball player

"Before every game I listen to 'War Zone' by Slayer. It's just something I've always done. I did it once and we won, so I've done it ever since."  
Aaron Lockwood, football player

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# Very Superstitious



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**Senior Alexandre Marrucho practices Wednesday at the Recreational Center pool.** Marrucho said the only superstition he had was not wearing white swimming caps. "I don't know why, but every time I wore one, I didn't do so good," said Marrucho.

**Stile T. Smith**  
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Katie Wagner refuses to look at her own shadow when she's in the on-deck circle.

"It's just something that makes me comfortable," said Wagner, the senior third baseman for the SIU softball team. "If I see my shadow before I go to the plate, I just don't feel comfortable going to the plate."

Despite the hard work SIU athletes put into their respective sports, many said they practice certain rituals and habits they believe relate to their playing ability.

Athletes' superstitions range from wearing "lucky" underpants to eating the same meal before every game.

"It's a mental regimen," said SIU track coach Connie Price-Smith. "When you practice, you

practice things in repetition. If you believe you're going to get better because of something you do every time, sometimes you do."

Some athletes said they have rituals before each game or event.

Senior guard Aaron Lockwood of the Saluki football team said he must listen to the song "War Zone" by Slayer before every game, a trait he picked up during his career with the Salukis.

Lockwood also said he sits in the same seat of the bus for every road trip the team has taken since his freshman year because he said he believes he plays better after sitting in that seat.

"The first time I went on a road trip it was to Indiana two or three years ago," Lockwood said. "I was one of the first guys there, and I always liked sitting on the back of the bus for some reason. I walked

on back there and plopped my butt there, and I've had it every time since."

The list goes on.

SIU volleyball middle blocker Jasmine Conner said before every practice or match, she washes her hands and then applies lotion because she doesn't like them to feel "ashy."

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## FOOTBALL

# Salukis focused on improvement, not opponent

Lennon says team won't get caught up in Indiana State's 0-5 record

**Brian Feldt**  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

As easy as it may seem, the SIU football team is not looking past its lowly Week 7 opponent.

The Indiana State Sycamores will travel to Carbondale this weekend as losers of their last 19 games. They have won once since Oct. 2, 2004.

Still, SIU coach Dale Lennon is not taking his opponent for granted coming off an emotionally tough loss to North Dakota State.

"Anytime you overlook an opponent, that is the cardinal sin," Lennon said. "That is the bottom line in the game of football, respect your opponent. And if you don't do that, you are setting yourself up for failure."

But the Sycamores' continuous struggles in recent years are hard to overlook which is why Lennon said the theme during this week's prac-

tice will be self-improvement and not the opponents' record.

"Anytime you have a loss that doesn't sit well, you need to get back on the saddle right away and we are excited to get that going," Lennon said.

The Sycamores have been outscored 219-33 this season and are the only team other than the Salukis in the Missouri Valley Football Conference that has yet to score in the third quarter.

SIU running back Larry Warner said no matter the opponent, every conference game is vital to any hopes of a playoff return this season.

The Salukis already have two conference losses and some of the team, including Warner, are saying that every game has now become a must-win.

"It's definitely pressure added," Warner said. "In this conference, each game you have to stay focused and have to be determined to win."

The team's main goal this week is keeping its focus throughout the entire game, a trait that hasn't necessarily been portrayed this season.

The Salukis' second-half blunders have been well documented

and players and coaches say they are dedicated to fixing the flaw.

Lennon said a lack of maturity within the team has led to SIU's inability to handle a lead or first half success.

With a Sycamore team that has been outscored 102-10 in the second half, the Salukis hope they can break their second-half slumber.

"We need another game to improve and take that next step forward and that is really going to be our focus this week is overall improvement," Lennon said. "We aren't exactly getting caught up in who we are playing."

A week after blaring music into McAndrew Stadium in efforts to offset the noisy environment of the Fargodome, Lennon said the team would not add any particular drills in practice to prepare for the Sycamores.

Instead, coaches will stress focus early and often.

SIU quarterback Chris Dieker said the team needs to learn how to play with the same confidence in the second half as it has in the first half, when the Salukis have outscored their opponents 71-40.



EDYTA BLASZCZYK ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

**Senior running back Larry Warner carries the ball during the Salukis 27-24 win over Northern Iowa Sept. 27.** Warner said that every game has become a must-win for the Salukis if they want to make a playoff push later this season.

"We can't take them lightly based on their record or anything," he said. "We just have to come out and play like we would any other team."

Lennon said looking too much at the Sycamores' horrid record could result in overconfidence and would tell his team to concentrate on playing a sound and fundamental game.

"We are not trying to overanalyze them," Lennon said. "They are a team that has talent and has had some success early in the game. They need something to believe in and if they do have early success, then it could very easily become a four quarter game and that is what we have to prepare for."